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SYNOPSIS:

Yugoslav activities in this area continued at a slow pace as personnel at Yugoslav Consulate, San Francisco, being shifted and change in TITO-USSR relations left local Yugoslavs uncertain as to their course. Consul General KARADJOLE involved in disturbance at a Croatian affair in San Francisco early in February when unidentified "D.P.'s" accused KARADJOLE of being Communist murderer. During this period KARADJOLE declined several speaking engagements.

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DETAILS:

All informants designated by "T" symbols in this report have furnished reliable information in the past.

1. PRO-TITO YUGOSLAV
ACTIVITY IN THE UNITED STATES

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A. Intelligence Activity:

Mentioned in this report will be various Yugoslav diplomats who have been identified in the past as having engaged in intelligence-type activity in behalf of the Yugoslav Government. They are as follows:

(Consul General) BRANKO KARADJOLE, identified by SF T-1 on February 26, 1955.

(Former Consul General) RAFO IVANCEVIC, identified by SF T-2 on September 21, 1954.

The personnel at the Yugoslav Consulate saw a number of changes in the lower ranks. (Vice Consul) STANISLAV JUZNIC departed and was replaced by (Vice Consul) MIODRAG MIHAJLOVIC. In addition, a new clerk, NIKOLAJ LONCAR, arrived to take up duties at the Consulate. When preparing to come to San Francisco LONCAR was assigned space on a United Airlines Coach flight, as Consul General KARADJOLE noted that "he did not rate" better accommodations. Also, stenographer NATASHA BERNARD of the Consulate described LONCAR as "nobody" at the Consulate. (T-3, 1/7, 22/57)

It was indicated that LONCAR would be arriving early in January, 1957, and MIHAJLOVIC early in February, 1957. (T-3, 1/7, 31/57)

After MIHAJLOVIC arrived in San Francisco he began searching for living accommodations and he made the statement that he did not wish to live in the Mission or Fillmore districts in San Francisco because of the "black element". He said he did not want his child to attend school with the "blacks". (T-4, 2/11/57)

The rest of the Consulate was comprised of Consul General BRANKO KARADJOLE, (Consul) SAVO TEMER, and Stenographer NATASHA BERNARD.

Stenographer BERNARD, in discussing Consul TEMER, described him as upset and confused and a person who did not know if he was coming or going. (T-3, 1/24/57)

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It was indicated that the SKJ (League of Yugoslav Communists) continued to function at the San Francisco Consulate. Consul General KARADJOLE advised PRIMOZIC at the Embassy that NIKOLA LONGAR and MIODRAG and TATJA MIHAJLOVIC had arrived in San Francisco without their transfer papers, although the Central Committee had indicated that the papers were coming. Since the Consulate had heard nothing further KARADJOLE urged PRIMOZIC to follow Belgrade so that there would not be a several months delay. (T-5, 2/21/57)

KARADJOLE and his wife discussed the cancellation of TITO's proposed trip to the United States, KARADJOLE claiming that this was now a better situation as it would not be necessary to prepare for the visit. (T-3, 1/29/57)

KARADJOLE mentioned to SF T-6 about this same time that he had noted opposition to the TITO visit developing in various areas and he felt that people in the United States just did not understand foreign affairs or they would not oppose TITO's visit to this country. At the same time he stated that the USSR was once again behaving badly toward Yugoslavia and relations between the two countries were not good. (T-6, 2/1/57)

In further connection with this same matter, T-6 was advised by KARADJOLE that he believed that the emigrants in the Northwest were behind a protest arising over the TITO visit and if it were not for the fact that it was wintertime he would go up to the State of Washington to ascertain what was the trouble.

KARADJOLE also stated he had heard that JACK RADOVICH of Delano, California, had come out openly against TITO and therefore a trip to Southern California was also desirable. KARADJOLE did not indicate, however, that he was going to make the trip. (T-6, 2/1/57)

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Former Consul General RAFO IVANCEVIC advised during this period that he was now working at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Belgrade on emigrant problems. He advised he had sent out 56 New Years greetings to people living in the area of the Consulate and had received 24 cards in reply. He felt that he should cut down the number next year. (T-5, 2/21/57).

BRANKO KARADJOLE and MILAN BULAJIC of the Embassy, ⁴⁵ discussed the status of Hungarian refugees in Yugoslavia who had relatives in the United States desirous of bringing them to this country. These officials were unable to suggest what action should be taken beyond advising the government in Belgrade of the requests being received and awaiting further instructions because up to that time they had received no information on this matter from their superiors. (T-3, 1/31/57)

During this period the Yugoslav Government continued to attempt to cause the extradition of ANDRIJA ARTUKOVICH, a political leader in wartime Pavelic Government in Croatia. In this connection efforts during this period were directed toward securing a new attorney to replace RONALD WALKER, who had secured a position as Federal Referee in Los Angeles and could no longer serve in this case. A former Assistant U.S. Attorney named DANIELSON was suggested as a replacement by WALKER and he was finally accepted by the Yugoslav Government. It was indicated further that a brief would shortly be submitted in this case. (T-3, 2/13,15,21/57)

B. Political and Propaganda:

SCEPAN MATIJASEVIC of the Yugoslav Tourist Agency, 509 Madison Avenue, New York City, was on the West Coast in the latter part of November and early December, 1956, contacting various tourist agencies. (T-3, 12/3-5,7/56)

This man planned to discuss with Consul General KARADJOLE various plans as to how they might better sell copies of the publication "Yugoslavia". (T-5, 1/18/56)

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Earlier KARADJOLE had indicated that he was having difficulty disposing of this publication inasmuch as so much of his visa business came by mail and they had little opportunity to discuss the magazine with tourists.

KARADJOLE asked the Yugoslav Tourist Office to send him material to equip his office for the forthcoming tourist season. The literature most needed was entitled "Information for Foreign Travelers, 1956". The Consulate also needed some travel posters. KARADJOLE pointed out that he would continue to work as agreed concerning the magazine "Yugoslavia", mainly through organizations but also through individuals who requested applications for visas. The Consulate would also offer the magazines to such persons as might personally call at the Consulate. (T-5, 2/1/57)

KARADJOLE asked the Yugoslav Information Center at New York for assistance in securing supplies of appropriate material to be distributed to school children seeking information on Yugoslavia. Particularly needed were maps of the country and the brochure entitled "Schools and Education in Yugoslavia". KARADJOLE also mentioned he needed "propaganda material" for use in the forthcoming tourist season. (It is to be noted that both the above organizations are official Yugoslav Government establishments.)

KARADJOLE declined invitations to speak before the Oakland Kiwanis Club and the International Relations Club of Stanford University. (T-3, 12/14/56, 1/4/57)

KARADJOLE was invited to speak before the International Relations Committee at San Francisco State College but he also declined this invitation. (T-3, 2/20/57)

The World Affairs Council of Northern California, San Francisco Unit, wanted KARADJOLE to address the Council on March 20, 1957, but he declined to appear, giving as his reason a trip East. (T-3, 2/20/57)

(It is to be noted that KARADJOLE was going East on March 5, 1957, and there was every indication that he would return before March 20, 1957)

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On December 21, 1956, it was noted that the Consulate was preparing to send out a number of season's greetings cards to various Yugoslavs previously noted as being in contact with the Consulate. These greetings were sent out in accordance with instructions given by Mrs. INEZ KARADJOLE. (T-3, 12/21/56)

Mrs. KARADJOLE was invited to a function of the American Yugoslav Women's Club on January 19, 1957, by Mrs. SAMUEL SOSICH, 3226 Cabrillo Street, San Francisco. She accepted. (T-3, 1/3/57)

(Madame ZINKA MILANOV, Yugoslav "prima donna", was in San Francisco to sing at an opera performance in the latter part of February, 1957. In this connection Consul General KARADJOLE visited with her and accompanied her to dinner. However, no official Yugoslav function of any kind was planned for Madame MILANOV. (T-3, 2/21/57)

KARADJOLE attended an affair sponsored by a Croatian group on Sunday, February 3. (This is believed to have been the annual Sveti Vlaho or St. Blas celebration, a Dalmatian festival held yearly in San Francisco by the local Croatians.) It was said that KARADJOLE had been invited to this affair by an unidentified person and sometime after his arrival he was accosted by three displaced persons (alleged later by PETER OBAD to be Ustashis) who called KARADJOLE a Communist murderer, etc., and allegedly created a lengthy disturbance. A number of the local Croatians apologized, claiming that the management could not control what some people might say. PETER OBAD, a local Croatian-American leader, claimed to be very upset over this occurrence but KARADJOLE commented that it seemed strange to him that OBAD would be so upset now after not speaking to him for the past year. (T-3, 2/4/57)

II. PRO-RUSSIAN YUGOSLAV
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A. Intelligence Activity:

As mentioned above, Consul General KARADJOLE advised T-6 that relations between Yugoslavia and the USSR were once again not good and that furthermore the USSR was behaving badly toward Yugoslavia. No information has been received that the Yugoslav officials in San Francisco have ever attempted to develop any contact with the pro-Russian Yugoslavs.

B. Political and Propaganda:

100-5 A The situation among the pro-Soviet Yugoslavs was discussed with SF T-6 and he stated there was a considerable changing of position among such persons as events in the world kept bring new problems. He advised for example that he was recently in contact with FRANK JURASEC, a pro-Cominform Czech, who spent most of his time with the pro-Russian Yugoslavs. At the end of January, 1957, JURASEC was commenting that the action of TITO in considering a trip to the United States was equivalent to selling himself out to the bourgeois and he therefore condemned TITO for such action. Just previous to this time JURASEC had been praising TITO and the Russian leaders for reaching an understanding.

T-6 has been acquainted over the years with a Croatian leader named N. J. NIKOLAC and he knew him to be a strong pro-Cominform Yugoslav American. In early 1956 this man took a trip to Yugoslavia and from that place sent back letters which were printed in the Language Press as to his observations on the fine conditions in the country, and in the period toward the end of 1956 this individual continued to display no anti-TITO feeling. However, on March 6, 1957, T-6 stated he had heard from a mutual friend that NIKOLAC was now calling TITO a traitor and claiming that he was "a tool" of the West.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

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A. Intelligence Activity:

There was no miscellaneous intelligence activity reported.

B. Political and Propaganda Activity:

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